



WHCS 4th-5th Grade: America's Battle of the Books Reading List 2025

ABOB is a national battle of the book competition and operates much like the Oregon Battle of the Books, but with a different list of titles. It is an academic competition like the Spelling Bee or Geography Bee. Each year librarians from around the country choose the books that appear on the list. Below you will find the 10 titles on the 2024/2025 (4th and 5th grade) ABOB list. The WHCS Library website has linked a review and lists the associated AR points and quiz number for each book.

<https://sites.google.com/a/whcs.org/library/home>

[No Talking](#) by Andrew Clements 2007

The noisy fifth-grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth-grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

AR Quiz No. 115396 EN Fiction AR Pts: 4.0

[The Tale of Despereaux](#) by Kate DiCamillo 2004

This book tells of the adventure of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, as well as the princess he loves, a servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

AR Quiz No. 70401 EN Fiction AR Pts: 5.0

[Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery](#) by Deborah Howe 1979

Chester, the Monroe family's cat, resorts to hilarious antics to alert his owners and Harold, their dog, that the newly adopted bunny may actually be a vegetable vampire.

AR Quiz No. 254 EN Fiction AR Pts: 2.0

[Orphan Train Girl \(Young Reader's Edition\)](#) by Christian Baker Kline 2017

This young readers' edition of ORPHAN TRAIN follows the story of a young girl in foster care who forms an unlikely bond with a ninety-one-year old orphan train rider.

AR Quiz No. 189076 EN Fiction AR Pts: 6.0

[Slacker](#) by Gordan Korman 2016

Trying to cruise through school doing as little work as possible, an unmotivated boy gets his comeuppance when a community service project escalates into an all-out battle with an extracurricular activity-obsessed, mean-spirited girl. Book #1

AR Quiz No. 181139 EN Fiction AR Pts: 7.0

[Shiloh](#) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor 1991

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner. The owner is a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Book #1

AR Quiz No. 5440 EN Fiction AR Pts: 4.0

[We're Not From Here](#) by Geoff Rodkey 2019

After a year on Mars, Lan and Lan's family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom don't like humans. It's up to Lan's family to change the minds of Choom's inhabitants if humans hope to survive.

AR Quiz No. 502874 EN Fiction AR Pts: 9.0

[The Last Mapmaker](#) by Christina Soontornvat 2022

As assistant to Mangkon's most celebrated mapmaker, Sai plays the part of a well-bred young lady. In reality, her father is a commoner. When she joins a charting expedition, she isn't the only one aboard the ship with secrets.

AR Quiz No. 515361 EN Fiction AR Pts: 11.0

[Ways to Make Sunshine](#) by Renee Watson 2020

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job. No matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

AR Quiz No. 508493 EN Fiction AR Pts: 4.0

[Secret Coders \(Secret Coders Series #1\)](#) by Gene Luen Yang 2015

Hopper's new school is crawling with mysteries. The founder left many clues and puzzles to challenge his students. Using their wits and their growing prowess with coding, Hopper and her friend set out to solve the mystery of Stately Academy. Book #1

AR Quiz No. 175360 EN Fiction AR Pts: 1.0